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Junior, Early Childhood Education

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Snow Showers
High: 28, Low: 18

TOMORROW
Partly Cloudy
High: 31, Low: 15



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

CAMPAIGN TRAIL: Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a candidate in the 2008 presidential elections, speaks about his platform at meet and greet in Charlie's Restaurant in Perrysburg.

Campaignin' McCain

By Kelly Day
Campus Editor

With the Ohio presidential primary less than two weeks away, the major contenders are scouring the Toledo area, looking for every last vote they can find.

The first to make a stop was Sen. John McCain, who rode the "Straight Talk Express" into Perrysburg yesterday morning

for a meet and greet at Charlie's Restaurant. Senators Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., are also scheduled to hold rallies in Toledo this weekend. All three will be competing for their parties' respective primaries on March 4.

McCain stressed the importance of his Ohio supporters' votes. Since 1964, he said, every president who has won Ohio has

gone on to win the presidency. "I don't want to break that precedent," he said. "I've got to win Ohio."

It looks like McCain will get the opportunity to compete in Ohio's general election next fall. McCain has been the steady front-runner in the GOP race. After the Wisconsin primary Tuesday, McCain has 921 delegates compared to the

next closest Republican candidate, Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee's 245, The Associated Press reported. McCain needs 1,191 delegates to win.

But McCain's campaign may have hit a road-block the day before he arrived in Northwest Ohio, when an article in

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MAYOR QUINN'S BEST BETS



BGSU Football vs. Western Kentucky

When: Sept. 29, 2007, Homecoming
Wager: Fly opponents flag at City Hall for a week
Winner: Mayor Quinn



BGSU Football vs. Tulsa

When: Jan. 6, 2008 - GMAC Bowl
Wager: 12 trees
Winner: Tulsa



Quinn vs. Finkbeiner Free throw contest

When: Feb. 10, 2008, BG/Toledo B-ball game
Wager: Fly opponents flag at City Hall for a week
Winner: Mayor Quinn

Mayor Quinn's all in

Bowling Green mayor makes bets against University rivals for city pride

By Scott Recker
Reporter

Gambling is not always a vice or an irresponsible action, because sometimes it advocates a sense of needed interest in a community event.

The week after the men's basketball team defeated Toledo, the Bowling Green flag flew high in the rival town, not because of a Falcon victory, but rather because of the free throw shooting of Mayor John Quinn.

During half-time, Mayor Quinn and the Toledo Mayor, Carleton Finkbeiner,



John Quinn

Mayor of Bowling Green who won his bet against rival Toledo

squared off on a little rivalry of their own, shooting free throws with the loser having to fly the other town's flag for a week.

Mayor Quinn said the foul shooting challenge was fun because he was directly involved in the competition.

"It was a little different than a bet, it was more of a competitive kind of thing," Quinn said. "But I think it brought some attention to the game and it's obviously a big rivalry."

He also praised Finkbeiner for being interested and competitive.

"I thought he was a good sport for just coming down here because he had to know that it would be a hostile crowd," Quinn said.

The foul shooting contest was not

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Donation continues 'Building Dreams'

By Kelly Day
Campus Editor

The University met its \$120 million Building Dreams Campaign goal in December, but that hasn't stopped donors from giving.

University alumni Robert and Patricia Maurer gave the latest gift last Friday — \$1 million to endow a professorship in the College of Business, which had already surpassed its individual goal of \$10 million.

With the addition of the Maurer Professorship, the College of Business has raised more than \$13 million, while some other colleges are still try-

ing to reach their goals.

The purpose of the Maurer Professorship, officially called The Robert and Patricia Maurer Family Distinguished Endowed Professorship in Accounting, is to help recruit or retain an esteemed accounting professor, College of Business Dean Rodney Rogers said.

The Maurers are both long-time residents of Bowling Green. Patricia operates Greenbriar Inc., a property management company, and Robert practices law at Maurer, Newlove & Bakies LLC. Both studied accounting at the University.

"We, as a family, have a goal and a desire ... to strengthen

the accounting department at Bowling Green State University by this addition of the professorship. We hope that it will, we think that it will, and if it does, that it will help create a better business college for BGSU," Robert Maurer said at the gift presentation last week.

"If it does that, BGSU will help retain and help attract more students, and thereby become a healthier, better institution. We think if that happens, that will help our whole city and our community of Bowling Green," he said.

Professors indeed make

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US embassy set on fire

By Slobodan Lekic
The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia — Serb rioters broke into the U.S. Embassy yesterday and set fire to an office after a large protest against Kosovo's independence that drew an estimated 150,000 people.

Masked attackers broke into the building, which has been closed this week, and tried to throw furniture from an office. A blaze broke out, but firefighters swiftly put out the flames.

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CITY BRIEF

Former President Bill Clinton to come to Bowling Green in support of wife

NBC24 reported last night that former President Bill Clinton will be stopping in Bowling Green to campaign for his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton.

The Toledo news station reported that the former president will hold a "Solutions for America" rally at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday at the Bowling Green Community Center at 1245 W. Newton Road. No additional information was available at press time.

Spring break gives FREEDOM perspective

Spring break trip to help impoverished

By Kristen Vasas
Reporter

Spring Break is right around the corner, and students across campus have begun dreaming about tropical getaways and relaxing vacations.

But while some students are planning their perfect week-long paradise, others are preparing for seven days spent building a house for an impoverished family and learning about political refugees.

Beginning the Friday before Spring Break, the students involved in the social justice group FREEDOM will embark on their week-long trip to South Texas and Mexico while their peers head off to the beach.

"We're going to be learning about how people are creating communities with many different cultures working together without damaging any of the traditions associated with them," FREEDOM member Gabrielle Chapman said. "We'll be taking what we learn and bringing it back here."

The non-hierarchical group, which calls for the promotion of social justice, cultural awareness and the art of human expression, will be collaborating with the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in South Texas.

While there, students will attend a series of workshops about political refugees, political and cultural relations between the U.S. and Mexico and the social and economic conditions of border cities and refugee neighborhoods.

"The issues we will be discussing are all very important ones that affect [the Texan and Mexican] people on a personal level," President Rachel Sample said. "As of right now, I'm not really sure what those concepts mean, and through this trip we're going to learn about these issues and be able to take them back to BGSU with us in order to make a difference."

And though students will be engaging in conversation about the issues being discussed, they will also have the opportunity to participate in experiential and service-learning opportunities.

"I know one of the topics being discussed will be about the controversy surrounding the proposed international fence on the U.S. and Mexican border," Sample said. "After the discussion, we will be visiting areas where the fence is supposed to be built in order to understand what we're talking about."

Similarly, in order for the group to fully experience the social and economic conditions of refugee neighborhoods, members will be visiting an impoverished neighborhood

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MEETING AND GREETING: Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a candidate in the 2008 presidential elections, speaks about his platform at "Mount N' Groof" in Charlie's Restaurant in Perrysburg, Ohio.

MCCAIN

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Wednesday's New York Times, which questioned the senator's ability to avoid conflicts of interest, citing, among other things, his relationship with a female lobbyist and his permitting other lobbyists to volunteer for his campaign.

Before arriving in Perrysburg, McCain held a press conference yesterday in Toledo to address the New York Times' charges.

McCain harshly criticized the story at the press conference, AP reported, and he declined to comment further during his campaign stop in Perrysburg.

Despite the controversy, the small diner was packed full of McCain supporters — many of whom said the allegations won't impact their votes.

University Board of Trustee Michael Wilcox was at the diner and said he knows McCain and his wife personally. He said allegations made in the article were "complete stupidity."

Toledo resident Bob Giardi, a corrections officer at the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, said he thinks the story will "blow over" and is just "someone trying to smear [McCain's] name."

And it won't impact college student Lisa Herman's vote

"I know Ohio is divided about this war. We all know that sacrifices have been made. ... I know we can succeed."

John McCain | Republican Presidential Nomination Candidate

either, she said. Herman, who is home for spring break from college in Pennsylvania, said McCain's character is why she will consider voting for him.

"If there's any reason that I would support McCain, it is because he has integrity and he's served his country very honorably," she said.

At his campaign stop yesterday, McCain stumped on the major issues upon which he has built his campaign.

If elected, McCain said he would continue to serve the country by improving the economy, providing routine health care for war veterans and winning the war in Iraq.

"I know Ohio is divided about this war," he said. "We all know that sacrifices have been made. But thank God none of us are divided in our support for the men and women who are serving in this war. I know we can succeed."

McCain also said he would veto any earmarked bill that crossed his desk.

An earmark is when a lawmaker sets aside a certain por-

tion of money from an approved spending bill to finance a special project — often in that legislator's home state or district.

In the last two years, President George W. Bush signed \$35 billion worth of these earmarked work bills into law, McCain said.

"My friends, that could have been a \$1,000 tax credit for every child in America," he said.

Those are just a few changes McCain plans to make. Overall, McCain promised as president he would "inspire Americans to serve a cause greater than self-interest."

But McCain will first have to inspire the country to vote him into office. Ohio republican voters will choose between McCain and Huckabee in the March 4 primary.

Clinton and Obama will get their chances to win Northwest Ohio votes this weekend for the March 4 primary. Clinton will speak at Whitmore High School tonight at 9 p.m. and Obama will speak at Savage Hall at University of Toledo Sunday at 4 p.m.

ting not trying to make a wager against Vanderbilt during last year's women's March Madness.

"If we're ever playing a big team, or we're in a NCAA basketball tournament, that would be a challenge I would like to make," Quinn said.

University promotion director Brian Delehey, whose department pitches sports challenge ideas to the mayor, said the wagers increase community awareness.

"When we put these together we put out a press release to let everyone know," Delehey said. "I think it heightens the level of interest from a community standpoint."

Delehey said the Mayors have been very receptive and quite interested in the sports challenges, some even seeking revenge for next year.

"Carty told me he wants a rematch next year on his own turf at Savage Hall," Delehey said.

DONATION

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an impact at the University. Within a 30-year career, a professor will interact with roughly 5,000 students, said Marcia Latta, associate vice president for University advancement and director of development.

With that much interaction, quality of teaching becomes a priority. Rogers said he and other faculty members in the College of Business will not only select a good researcher, but also an excellent teacher and someone who is knowledgeable about the business world. The search committee may use the professorship to retain an internal professor or recruit one externally, Rogers said.

The Maurers' \$1 million gift will yield nearly \$50,000 per year — forever.

According to a draft document of the professorship agreement, 75 percent of that \$50,000 will go directly to the professor each year, while 25 percent will be used at the professor's own discretion. Rogers said the 25 percent, about \$12,500, could be used to pay for graduate research assistants, travel expenses to present research or to purchase research databases. The 75 percent, about \$37,500, would be added to a base salary, which range from an average of \$69,687 for associate professors and \$91,999 for full-time professors, according to the Office of Institutional research Web site.

Rogers said the financial incentive is meant to bring a distinguished professor to the campus or to retain one already employed by the University.

"With this position you're recruiting a leader, and a leader costs more money," he said.

The Maurers' gift is the sixth of seven endowed professorships in the College of Business and one of 10 given among all colleges during the Building Dreams Campaign.

Jim Beaverson, administrative director and assistant director of gift planning, said this type of gift isn't the most common. Beaverson said contributors often like to give directly to the students

"That really is the donors' passion. No matter what a donor gives to, they want to benefit our students."

Jim Beaverson | Gift Planning

through scholarships. There have already been 466 scholarships established during the campaign, totaling more than \$40 million, Beaverson said.

But whether the money goes toward a building, professorship or scholarship, Beaverson said any gift given to the campaign is ultimately benefiting the students.

"That really is the donors' passion," he said. "No matter what a donor gives to, they want to benefit our students."

Although the Building Dreams Campaign has already raised more than \$126 million, it will continue until December 2008. But even then, the University will likely launch a new campaign, Beaverson said.

"The trend in higher education is you're always in campaign mode," he said.

Several individual goals are still to be met before the campaign's conclusion. The colleges of Arts and Sciences, Health and Human Services, Musical Arts, Technology and Firelands have yet to meet their goals, according to the Building Dreams Campaign Web site.

Rogers said the College of Business has been fortunate to have so many generous donors. With degrees in business, Rogers said alumni often have "lucrative" careers, putting them in a good position to help the University.

"With that kind of wealth comes responsibility," he said.

That is a responsibility the Maurers haven't taken lightly. The Maurer family recently contributed \$200,000 to the University Libraries and have also donated to the President's Leadership Academy, President's Club, Falcon Club and WBGU-PBS.

"The Maurers are folks who are clearly supportive of Bowling Green State University," Rogers said.

BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY

12:03 P.M.

Baked beans were reported thrown on a vehicle parked on South Grove Street.

ONLINE: Go to bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

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Authorities drove armored jeeps down the street and fired tear gas to clear the crowd. The protesters dispersed into side streets where they continued clashing with authorities.

The neighboring Croatian Embassy also was attacked by the same group of protesters.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the U.S. ambassador to Serbia was at his home and in contact with U.S. officials.

Serbia has "a responsibility now to devote the adequate resources to ensure that that facility is protected," McCormack said.

The protesters appeared to have been in the Embassy's consular building area, McCormack said. U.S. security officials and Marine guards were in a separate part of the compound, the chancery, but no staff were present at the Embassy, he said.

More than a dozen nations have recognized Kosovo's declaration of independence on Sunday, including the United States, Britain, France and Germany.

But the declaration by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian leadership has been rejected by Serbia's government and the ethnic Serbians who populate northern Kosovo. Russia, China and numerous other nations have also condemned the declaration, saying it sets a precedent that separatist groups around the world will seek to emulate.

Kosovo, which is 90 percent ethnic Albanian, has not been under Belgrade's control since 1999, when NATO launched airstrikes to halt a Serbian crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists. A U.N. mission has governed Kosovo since, with more than 16,000 NATO troops and KFOR, a multiethnic force, policing the province.

CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

The Feb. 19 article "Interactive children's show not picked up by Bowling Green PBS" contained errors. STRAW Edutainment developed "The Adventures of Strawman and Dr. Warts," which appears in 30- to 40-second spots, or interstitials, in between programs on Toledo's PBS affiliate, WGTE. Because WGTE stations are broadcast digitally to area residents with digital antennas or receivers, many local residents can view it.

Quick Fact

Instead of a birthday cake, many children in Russia are given a birthday pie.

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the only sports challenge made by the Mayor this year. He also engaged in the battle of the Bowling Green's, when the football team defeated the Western Kentucky team, and Mayor Quinn presented yet another flag for a town to fly.

The only other challenge of the year was during the GMAC bowl against Tulsa. Even though the Falcon football team was not able to prevail, they were able to lend a helping hand.

"Tulsa has had horrible ice storms this winter and they had a devastating loss of trees," Quinn said. "So the bet was for twelve trees, but it was our intention that even if Bowling Green won the game we were going to send twelve trees to Tulsa."

In the future Quinn said he would like to challenge a big time program, regret-

FREEDOM

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and a children's home in Mexico. While there, they will help members of SWGSM build a casita, or "little house" for a poor area family.

"The house they build will be very small — only one room — and far from the homes that these students grew up in," FREEDOM advisor Bill Thompson said. "That house will be more than those people have right now though, and that will make the difference."

During their time spent in the deserts of South Texas, the students will live much like the residents of the towns they are visiting. Regular amenities like daily showers and regular meals will be limited.

"We take for granted so much, like running water and food and shelter," Sample said. "Not having those is essential on this trip because it makes you realize what you have and why others might not have it."

"That house will be more than those people have right now though, and that will make the difference."

Bill Thompson | FREEDOM Advisor

However, after spending time in impoverished and dilapidated Mexican cities, the members will then pack up and head to Padre Island, a well-known and popular resort site. The location change will work to contrast the poverty experienced in Mexico with nearby American wealth.

"The change from one place to another is really going to show how [unfair] and terrible this situation is," Sample said. "People are living 20 to 30 miles away in wealth and are not doing anything for those living in poverty. It's very disheartening."

And though the groups' trip may be far removed from the paradise most college students experience during Spring Break, many take away memories that cannot be replaced by late nights and partying.

"I like to call these trips transformative because it entails students confronting someone who comes from another culture and causes them to think about what's important in their life," Thompson said. "It motivates them to do something meaningful and life is all about doing things to make the world better for all people."

Similarly, students who have participated in one of the three previous trips with FREEDOM feel the experience is a monumental one.

"These trips have changed my life," said Sample, who also went to the South Bronx this fall. "They renew the sense of connection on a large field and make you realize that with that connection we have to act in order to make a difference."

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GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Battleground States 2008 Conference
3rd Floor Union

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SMART Applicants Notified to Interview
134 Founders

7:45 - 10:15 a.m.

Admissions Guidance Counselor Advisory Board Meeting
201 Union

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Exhibit #8
130 Union

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Muslim Student Association Prayer Room
204 Olscamp Hall

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Transfer Visit Day
306 Union

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Battleground States Conference
314 Union

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Black History Month Luncheon
Falcon's Nest Union

2 - 8 p.m.

Battleground States Conference Head Quarters
309 Union

3 - 8 p.m.

Battleground States Conference
308 Union

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

EMBA Weekend Meals
209 Union

6 - 8 p.m.

Leaders in Residence Awards Reception and Ceremony
Common's Dining Room

6:30 - 9 p.m.

Spring Shabbat Dinner
208 Union

8 - 10 p.m.

Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather
112 Physical Sciences Lab Building

8 p.m.

Opera Theater: Orpheus in th Underworld
Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

9 - 11 p.m.

UAO presents, "American Gangster"
Union Theater

2 p.m. Sunday

Climbing Competition
Student Rec Center

History comes to life with dinner theater

Students and faculty celebrate Black History month in good taste

By Steve Kunkler
Reporter

The University is bringing back favorites for "The Best of Dinner Theatre!" for the 20th year, an annual event celebrating Black History Month.

The event will feature comedian Jay Lamont, with students and faculty combining their talents to help re-create some of the memories of past dinner theaters.

Sheila Brown, director for the event, said plans are made for the program throughout the year culminating in the performances this weekend.

Plans for the event are worked on year round with auditions held in October.

While Brown has been busy preparing for the event, she knows her husband, Angelo Brown, the assistant director of Academic Investment in Math and Science, is also heavily involved.

"I get the credit, but he is the wind beneath my wings," Sheila said.

While Sheila Brown and her husband have been busy with the performance, Sheila said the success will be up to the students participating in the event.

One such participant is Kelli Brown, a senior majoring in math, who has been involved in several dinner theaters over the years.

Brown will be performing as a Tina Turner dancer for one of the skits.

There are a variety of ways in which students are able to participate. Students can act, play instruments or work as crew members backstage, Sheila said.

In all, there will be between 80-90 people involved in putting on the event, Sheila said.

Among those participating is Edmund McDougale, a senior majoring in computer science who first participated in 2004. McDougale has performed in skits featuring MC Hammer and has also performed as Michael Jackson in the past.

"I hope people enjoy the memories brought back from students portrayals of certain eras," McDougale said.

While students will be heavily involved, faculty members also will be performing in a couple of the skits.

Linda Dobb, executive vice president and secretary on the Board of Trustees, will be one of the faculty involved in a skit parodying the movie "Sister Act".

Dobb, having seen past performances, was asked by Sheila Brown to perform in this year's event. Dobb accepted without hesitation.

"I had gone to [the show] as an audience member. I really enjoyed the performance, so when Brown came to me and asked if I wanted to be in it I jumped at the opportunity," Dobb said.

HAWAIIAN ICE-CAPADES



TREVOR LEE | THE BG NEWS

CUTTING EDGE: BGSU students enjoy themselves at the Tropical Luau Student Skate.

Embassy rep visits students about studying abroad in Russia

By Adam Louis
Reporter

A representative from the Russian embassy in Washington came to campus yesterday to help give students the opportunity of a lifetime — the opportunity to visit the Motherland.

Evgeny Agoshkov is the acting director of the Russian Cultural Center at the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Washington, D.C. The RCC opened in 1999 and was designed to expose and educate Americans to various aspects of Russian tradition and culture, Agoshkov said.

Agoshkov heard of BGSU when he and German-Russian instructor Anastasia Alexandrova met at a national conference in Washington D.C. in October last year. At the conference the University was working on a course designed to help students adjust to Russian life before leaving for the foreign exchange program, Alexandrova said.

"I would like to present different programs 20 Russian universities," Agoshkov said.

While a majority of programs will offer courses that focus on the study of Russian language, Agoshkov said the opportunity is open to all majors. Students have the option of studying in Russia for a four-year degree and two or three years of graduate programs, he said.

"It is a unique opportunity to come here and participate in different events," Agoshkov said. "I hope that we can share some of our ideas [for student programs]. I'm sure it will be beneficial on both sides."

German-Russian department chair Timothy Pogacar saw the possibility for many more opportunities for students through the meeting with Agoshkov.

"We'd like to discuss potential for other kinds of field work for students and perhaps forms of service-learning," Pogacar said. "I think there's a lot of potential there."

Agoshkov came from a small town in rural Siberia and started studying languages at age 7. After graduating high school, he went to Moscow State Linguistic University, studying mainly French and English. Agoshkov was awarded a grant to study one year in the US. In 1996, he attended Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, majoring in journalism. Agoshkov stayed for six more months when one of his professors, who was a producer with CNN, helped him get an internship at CNN. When Agoshkov returned to Russia, he rose to the position of news anchor for Channel 1 in 2001, a major national news station.

After working with Channel 1 for five years, Agoshkov was offered a job with the embassy in Washington by the Russian foreign minister in 2005.

"What I do now is a lot different from my [work as a journalist]," Agoshkov said. "I am going back to the field I studied at the university, which I view as a very good thing. My parents dreamed of me being a diplomat."

Russia has 62 embassies all over the world, Agoshkov said. While the U.S. has six embassies in Russia, the Russian Embassy in Washington is the only one in the US.

The Tech Trends series is an exploration of the issues and trends in technology teaching and learning.

The series is sponsored by the Information Technology Committee (ITC), the Office of the Executive Vice President and the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Vista and Office 2007

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2:30 p.m.
206 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

DeVaris Brown, academic relations manager for the Heartland Region of Microsoft Corporation, will provide an overview of Vista and Office 2007. In this presentation he will be demonstrating the capabilities of each and the extended functionality and increased productivity provided to users by this software partnership.

For more details on this presentation and the Tech Trends series, visit
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FORUM

"If we're ever playing a big team, or we're in a NCAA basketball tournament, that would be a challenge I would like to make." — Mayor John Quinn on what his next sporting challenge may be. [see story, p. 1]

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What did the last text message you received say?



"How's your day going?"
ADRIAN BAKER.
Senior, sport enterprise



"Shut your pie hole!"
(From Samantha Bland, right).
GINA ROSSI.
Senior, Biology



"Come on, make haste!" (From Gina Rossi, left).
SAMANTHA BLAND.
Sophomore, Dietetics



"When does your spring break start?"
JERRSON DAVIS.
Junior, Liberal Studies

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IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD | A LOOK AT MENTAL HEALTH

Pressures to be thin affecting our children



ALLY BLANKARTZ
COLUMNIST

While browsing MSN.com recently I stumbled upon a story featured on "The Today Show" that I found quite disturbing. The story was about a girl with an eating disorder — nothing new, right?

The sad part: She was ten years old when she developed anorexia.

Eating disorders are not new to our culture. We've grown used to the notion of women, and now some men, taking extreme measures to lose a few pounds. Typically, though, the age at which eating disorders are manifested is the upper teenage years.

The social pressures of our education system are displayed on the bodies of these young people, usually in their later high school or early college years. Our society turns a blind eye and accepts girls who endure eating disorders to obtain model-like bodies.

Why are we, as a culture, so obsessed with skeletal figures? Girls who resemble corpses more than human beings. I don't understand how a protruding clavicle is considered attractive. Now pre-pubescent girls feel the urge to starve themselves to obtain that "perfect body." Personally, I am appalled that I live in a culture where children are feeling pressure from society to be "skinny."

As a society, we are regarded as some of the most beautiful people in the world. Apparently, the "starved look" is in. It's repulsive that we now have to endure the sight of small children main-

taining the look of death, all to impress boys who barely know how to work their own parts.

What business should a 10-year-old ever have with the concept of dieting? Most adults don't even know how to diet correctly. And now our children feel like they have the whole process figured out.

What could possibly drive a child to feel like they need to be skinny? Look no further than our culture at large. The media have always been at the core, and always will be. It's futile to even attempt to bring a case against the them. People have been blaming them for years and nothing has happened.

We are living in a culture where it is now acceptable for children to starve themselves to be considered beautiful. Imagine for a minute that you are a parent and your fourth or fifth grader is struggling with an eating disorder. No parent should ever have to endure their child battle an eating disorder, but to have a child who hasn't even reached puberty yet feel the need to diet through starvation is unfathomable.

Ten years of age should never be an age of body image concern. When a child is 10, they should be thirsty for knowledge. They are at an age of swift development, gaining academic knowledge and learning social skills. The last thing that should

"No parent should ever have to endure their child battle an eating disorder."

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Another column about love

ANDREW HOOVER | GUEST COLUMNIST

Benjamin Swanson asserts that to say that there is something wrong with homosexuality or to label someone's sexuality as a sin debases their love ("You can't tell me what love is," Feb. 18). This is the focal point of the argument and the problem with secular humanism and moral relativism altogether.

The two points he makes support the argument that our world lacks absolute truth. For many people in today's world, your truth is your truth, and my truth is my truth. Yes, we may believe one thing over another, but that doesn't take away from the fact that there is one absolute Truth that will be revealed.

The love that Swanson speaks of is not love in its entirety. I will go so far as to say that an understanding of love in its true form would reveal that homosexuality, as Swanson puts it, "a desire to connect with someone of the same sex — emotionally, physically, and spiritually," is not love, but rather lust.

Recognizing that not all heterosexual love is pure, I make the distinction that the heterosexual love I speak of is pure. Swanson shoots down his argument by saying that homosexual "love" is the best thing they have.

He sells short the humanity and dignity of these persons by not giving the recognition to the fact that there is something better, something more fulfilling than homosexuality. It isn't about who you are, how you were made or what you believe presently. The truth is that in

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Go ahead, make it the real thing



JESS HYLTON
COLUMNIST

I was talking to a friend of mine the other day about the pros and cons of being in a relationship. One point he made was that in most cases, a relationship will fail during college, so why even try?

Many of my friends feel this way. Yet they enjoy and desire the companionship of a significant other. Often, people I know will have "someone" but consider them merely a means to eliminate loneliness. This is a difficult concept for me to grasp. So, my question becomes: why not try?

I do not need to be with someone, and no person should believe they do. In fact, if someone is not content being alone, they should not be in a relationship. Dependency on another person for your happiness will eventually fail.

However, when I spend a good deal of time with some-

one who shares a mutual attraction, it becomes very hard for me to keep the relationship surface-deep. I will want to get to know the person. Also, I will want that person to know me. And this eventually leads to a desire for some form of commitment.

Individuals seem content to have "open relationships" or have "something" with someone, but without any sort of commitment or knowledge of the person. I suppose it might not always be hurtful, but that is one bandwagon I would like to stay clear of. It cannot be easy to remain so emotionally detached from men or women you share intimate moments with. I would think it would cause some pain to know someone looked at you as a body rather than a human being and that they would be

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just as content to have someone else in your place. This may be different for men and women, but I would not think that difference was enough to change a lot.

Can someone be truly content waking up with a new person every day, week or month? Most of us are in college, and many desire to have a good time and not to be constrained to one person. But then again, why not try? If someone is going to "be" with a different person all the time, why not try to hold on to just one? That way you achieve not only a physical companionship, but an emotional partner as well. Whereas physical intimacy is fun, mental intimacy is a closeness that can hardly be matched.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roll over needs to stay, or it is stealing

I was so furious when I read that meal plan rollover will be eliminated for all students on the last day of Spring semester 2009. The first thing that came to mind when I saw this was that the University and Gail Finan are stealing from the students. The money we put on our card is just that: our money. There is no reason that the money we put towards our meal plans should be taken away from us. Finan brings up the fact that it will go towards MacDonald Dining Hall renovation. It is an extremely bold move to tell us students that whatever money you don't spend we are going to take from you and put it towards a new cafeteria. Finan is making it very hard for me as a student. I use loans to pay for my meal plan and I don't want my loan money being taken away from me to renovate a cafeteria that I've only eaten at once since I've been here. It's a slap in the face to take money from the people that make the

existence of the University possible. I hope this decision is not set in stone, because the integrity of BGSD will be diminished. —Brittany D. Washington
Sophomore, Journalism/Women Studies

Republicans, it's time to catch Obama fever

A plea to Republicans: On March 4, vote for Barack Obama. Yes. Vote for Obama. Why would I dare make such a dastardly request? Because voting for Obama in the primaries benefits everyone. At this point, John McCain is your Republican presidential nominee. The game's over. Huckabee better get on his knees and beg for a sweet spot in the next administration. Either that, or get on his knees and pray for a miracle. But I've got a hunch he's probably already doing both. So, on March 4 you can make an idealistic stand in support of the Republican Party by voting for McCain. Or waste your vote on the Huckster. Or the third option: catch Obama-fever, baby! Look,

I'm not saying you have to vote for Obama in the general election. Go ahead and vote Republican in the fall. But wouldn't you rather have Obama as your second choice instead of Hillary Clinton? I think one thing many Dems and all Republicans can agree on: we don't want Hillary Clinton in the White House! Look, kudos to the Hillarites. It would be dandy to have a woman in the White House, agreed. But Hillary Clinton is not that woman we need. It's time for real change in this country, not another re-run. We've already had two Bushes, we don't need two Clintons. So Republicans, if you want to really take a stand against the forces of Clintonian evil in March, vote Obama. I promise you, your conservative souls will still be intact afterwards. You can still vote for McCain in the fall. But don't put all your eggs in McCain's basket. Democrats have been turning out in record numbers in the primaries, and polls have shown the country will likely elect a Democrat in November. If Hillary's the Democratic

nominee, and McCain does lose in the fall — well, you get the picture. Would you rather have Obama or Clinton in the White House? It's your call. Ohio is a critical battleground state, one that Hillary is hoping to win. If she does win in Ohio, we may be Viva-La-Clinton in '09. And if there's one thing I agree with Republicans on, it's that we don't need another Clinton in the White House. So, vote for Obama in the primaries. Let's make sure we don't take another step backwards in this country. Heck, you might even decide to ride the Obama-wave all the way into November. Just don't tell your conservative friends. —Zach Myers Junior, Liberal Studies

Too understand the Iraq war, listen to a soldier

Responding to the article "Losing the dead in opposition" [Feb. 19], I am simply distraught and outraged by the misleading information that was published while interviewing students from

the College Democrats. Being a veteran from Operation Iraqi Freedom, I feel that the students that played a role in the protest against the war in Iraq did not obtain the correct statistics about the loss of life for our military personnel. I just recently checked that as of Feb. 18, the US death toll is 4,431, which is a huge difference from 3,838. And for a student to say that the protest was in no way meant to dishonor the soldiers, are you serious? If you want to get a point across, have your facts straight particularly regarding an issue that is almost like a "slap" in the face to the brave men and women who lost their lives defending your

freedoms on a daily basis. Second, how can students respond by giving statements such as "I do not support the war ... I support the soldiers." How are you supporting the soldiers? What exactly are students around campus doing to show support? Students throughout campus should take notice in what Brett Holden and the Veterans Assessment and Service Team

have done with my unit, the 148th, while we were over there and continue to do so with them again in preparation for another tour in Iraq this March. They are true supporters who sending cards of support, care packages and even helping out families of loved ones who are going over there and defending our freedom. Finally, if students really want to know what is going on in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, they should go and listen to what the soldiers that have been over there have to say. There is a big difference between learning from a person that has been on the front lines to a person with a microphone and camera who publishes articles only pertaining to death toll or loss of life, and the negative events that transpire for the military armed forces on a daily basis. That is the only way that students will fully understand what is taking place. That way the students here and throughout the country will be in more support of the war effort and the soldiers. —Sgt. Aaron Zdawczyk Junior, History

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HYLTON

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No individual should be "just another notch on the bedpost." A one night stand, or "shacking," does not seem worth the cost of losing the opportunity to get to know the person.

I would also think that at some point a person would begin to feel used or completely devoid of feelings. When you turn off your heart for such a

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"Every person they have been with leaves some kind of mark."

long period of time it becomes difficult to turn it on again.

Granted, a relationship may fail, and many do. But is it really worth possibly missing out on something amazing, simply because it may not work out? Every person, no matter how shallow they may seem, has thoughts and feelings. And, no matter how unaffected one might believe they are, every person they have been with leaves some kind of mark, whether they will ever know it is a different matter.

Basically, if someone is "good

enough" to make out with, sleep with, etc. they are good enough to be given a chance. And, if they do not want to be given an opportunity to be with the other person, why waste time? Why spend precious moments of your life with someone who could care less about you?

We have an amazing capability to love and to be loved. Yes, college should be fun. It should be a time for new experiences and for taking chances. So, take a chance. Give in to not the physical desires, but those which draw you closer to the people you encounter throughout the years. Giving and receiving worth is worth the risk of failure if there is a possibility for success.

— Respond to Jess at theneus@bgnews.com.

In which country is the board game Monopoly outlawed?

- a. Russia
b. Iraq
c. Cuba
d. China



Answer: c. Cuba

HOOVER

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its fullness, human sexuality allows for the purpose of human life to be reached.

I agree with Swanson that homosexuality isn't chosen and it isn't easily cast off as a set of clothes. I believe that through our own faults and the faults of others, some people are left at a disadvantage as to finding the truth about human sexuality.

I am a faithful Christian, but I don't live in a fantasy world. Bad things happen to good people.

But that does not mean a homosexual has to act on the inclinations that are put into his or her life. There are plenty of examples of homosexuals living chastely and reconciling the differences they have between homosexuality and heterosexuality. You can seek absolute truth and fulfillment in human sexuality.

Swanson's greatest argument is that "pure, selfless love is never a sin." It does come down to who a person loves. The difference between love and lust is desire. To give your body to someone in a homosexual relationship, and likewise to use his or her body in the same way, is not love, but rather lust. It is an attempt to fill a void left because the "love" between homosexual persons is not entirely fulfilling. Lust is the desire to use someone for your own gain, whether this is conscious or subconscious.

Romantic love is free, total, faithful and fruitful. Total in the sense that you give to a person everything of yourself including your fertility, and fruitful in that you take a chance or intend to bring new life into this world through childbirth.

How can homosexual acts be considered fruitful? What new life comes forth from homosexual relations? I will say that the relationship between homosexuals could be free (willing) and faithful (a lifetime commitment), but there is no argument for a homosexual act being total or fruitful.

This is where the rest of Swanson's argument breaks down. The selfless lifetime pledge between two people in marriage is beautiful, but the difference between the two sexualities is not trivial. It is stated correctly that sex is not a tool. It is, rather, a gift to be given within the context of marriage which assumes heterosexuality.

So yes, the only difference is whether or not a lover's body matches the other. Sex is about having children, but love (a connection that lasts a lifetime) is what should start families, not lust.

In the end, if those like Jerry Armelli are wasting their words when they say they love gay people then my heart aches for the deaf ears they fall upon. Because while it is in the way words are perceived rather than what was intended, I still believe Armelli wanted

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nothing more than to articulate the power that love has over lust.

I desire to see every human person fulfilled in loving relationships. Speaking from experience, I can tell you that realizing the power of love over lust is liberating and fulfilling. I can only imagine what this experience would be if you were to experience the transformation from homosexuality to heterosexuality. You definitely can show God's love to a person in the midst of their misunderstandings. God does work that way.

— Hoover is a senior majoring in AYA physical science. Respond to his column at theneus@bgnews.com.

ALLY

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be on their minds is their waistline.

I am truly ashamed to be a part of a culture that is so obsessed with physical appearance that children feel they need to diet. A child dieting is the most ludicrous notion I have ever experienced.

Children are in a state of rapid physical growth. To deprive the body of essential vitamins and nutrients to grow could ream serious outcomes on the child's health in the future. And how did the skeletal image become so popular and attractive to our generation?

Curvy, healthy women with supple bodies used to be viewed as highly desirable and attractive. Why can't this image prevail over that of the living dead? Not to mention dieting by starvation is completely unhealthy. By restricting your food intake you

"What kind of a childhood is that of someone with anorexia?"

are literally slowing your metabolism. You're teaching your body to conserve any fat left so it can be converted into energy.

In the end, if one is lucky enough to overcome such an experience, all that weight is going to return two-fold since the metabolism has been destroyed.

It appears that our society has reached a low that cannot be undone. What kind of a childhood is that of someone with anorexia? The psychological consequences of suffering from an eating disorder are disastrous enough. Couple those with the trials of childhood and that's a nightmare I can't even imagine. We've developed a culture so vain that you're weird if you actually like the skin you are

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NATION BRIEFS

Former chief military prosecutor to testify

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — In a stunning turnaround, the former chief military prosecutor at Guantanamo Bay said yesterday he would be a defense witness for the driver of Osama bin Laden.

Air Force Col. Morris Davis, who resigned in October over alleged political interference in the U.S. military tribunals, told The Associated Press he will appear at a hearing for Salim Ahmed Hamdan.

"I expect to be called as a witness ... I'm more than happy to testify," Davis said in a telephone interview from Washington. He called it "an opportunity to tell the truth."

At the April pretrial hearing inside the U.S. military base in southeast Cuba, Hamdan's defense team plans to argue that alleged political interference cited by Davis violates the Military Commissions Act. Hamdan's military lawyer, Navy Lt. Brian Mizer, told the AP.

Knowing the symptoms of a heart attack

ATLANTA (AP) — Only about 1 in 4 Americans know the warning signs of a heart attack, U.S. health officials in Atlanta say.

Most are also unaware that the first thing to do is call 9-1-1. Doctors with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the level of public awareness is alarmingly low.

The warning signs include shortness of breath, pain in the chest, arms or shoulder, a feeling of weakness, and discomfort in the jaw, neck or back.

Each year more than 900,000 Americans suffer a heart attack.

Satellite blasted

HONOLULU (AP) — A U.S. Navy cruiser blasted a disabled spy satellite with a pinpoint missile strike that achieved the main mission of exploding a tank of toxic fuel 130 miles above the Pacific Ocean, defense officials said.

Destroying the satellite's onboard tank of about 1,000 pounds of hydrazine fuel was the primary goal, and a senior defense official close to the mission said yesterday that it appears the tank was destroyed, and the strike with a specially designed missile was a complete success.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates ordered the shutdown, which came late Wednesday as he began an eight-day, around-the-world trip on which he likely will face questions about the mission.

The elaborate intercept may trigger worries from some international leaders, who could see it as a thinly disguised attempt to test an anti-satellite weapon — one that could take out other nations' orbiting communications and spy spacecraft.

Within hours of the reported success, China said it was on the alert for possible harmful fallout from the shutdown and urged Washington to promptly release data on the action.

Gray wolves not extinct

BILLINGS, Mont. — Gray wolves in the Northern Rockies are being removed from the endangered species list. The move follows a 15-year restoration effort that led the animal's population to soar.

An estimated 1,500 wolves now roam Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. That's a dramatic turnaround for a predator that had nearly vanished from the United States in the early 20th century.

The removal from the endangered list was announced Thursday by the U.S. Department of Interior. The loss of federal protection allows states to move forward with public hunts for the animals, possibly as soon as this fall.

Obama succeeds in abroad vote

By Stephen Ohlemacher
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama won the Democrats Abroad global primary in results announced yesterday, giving him 11 straight victories in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Illinois senator won the primary in which Democrats living in other countries voted by Internet, mail and in person, according to results released by the Democrats Abroad, an organization sanctioned by the national party.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has not won a nominating contest since Super Tuesday, more than two weeks ago.

More than 20,000 U.S. citizens living abroad voted in the primary, which ran from Feb. 5 to Feb. 12. Obama won about 65 percent of the vote, according to the results released yesterday.

Voters living in 164 countries cast votes online, while expatriates voted in person in more than 30 countries, at hotels in Australia and Costa Rica, at a pub in Ireland and at a Starbucks in Thailand. The results took about a week to tabulate as local committees around the globe gathered ballots.

"This really gives Americans



Barack Obama
Democrat presidential candidate

an opportunity to participate," said Christine Schon Marques, the international chair of Democrats Abroad. There is no comparable primary among Republicans, though the GOP has several contests this weekend in U.S. territories, including party caucuses in Puerto Rico Sunday.

The Democrats Abroad controls seven pledged delegates at the party's national convention this summer.

However, the group's system of dividing the delegates is unique, and could create an anomaly in which Obama and Clinton end up with fractions of delegates. The party will send 14 pledged delegates to the convention, each with a half vote.

The primary was used to determine nine people, or the equivalent of 4.5 delegates. Obama won 2.5 and Clinton won two, according to Schon Marques.

The Democrats Abroad will hold a global convention in Vancouver, Canada, in April to select the other five people who will attend the convention. They will represent the remaining 2.5 votes.

U.S. government to make amends with Britain after an "administrative error"

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is bracing for a diplomatic backlash after conceding it used British territory to transport suspected terrorists on secret rendition flights despite repeated earlier assurances the U.S. had not.

U.S. officials have sought to quell the fallout by apologizing to Britain for what they said was an "administrative error." The admission, however, may reopen a bitter debate between the United States and its allies over how the fight against terrorism should be conducted and compromise future cooperation.

"Mistakes were made in the reporting of the information," said Gordon Johndroe, National Security Council spokesman for President Bush. Johndroe insisted that cooperation between the U.S. and Britain would not be affected.

But as a sign of its concern, the State Department sent its top lawyer, John Bellinger, to London yesterday on a two-day mission. Bellinger will try to defuse what many expect will be widespread anger that the U.S., when asked in 2004, incorrectly assured its closest ally that neither British soil nor airspace had been used in moving suspected terrorists, officials said.

The CIA used a U.S. military airstrip on the British territory of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean to refuel planes carrying two suspects in 2002. That fact was not uncovered until a "self-generated" review by the CIA in late 2007 after persistent media reports, the department said.

"We regret that there was an error in initially providing inaccurate information to a good friend and ally," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. "Unfortunately, even with the best intentions, unfortunately, even with the most rigorous searches and unfortunately with good technology, sometimes administrative errors occur and this was the case."

He took pains to note that the United States had not violated any obligation it had toward Britain in using Diego Garcia for the flights at the time they occurred. Not until 2003 did the two countries start to work out a "final mutual understanding" that now requires the U.S. to seek and get British permission to use the base for

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Sean McCormack | Spokesman

renditions, he said.

Still, the disclosure risks replaying the debate over tactics that came to light in 2005 with the revelation that the CIA had operated secret prisons to interrogate prisoners. Until yesterday, the administration had managed to diminish down the furor through intensive diplomacy.

The British government appears to have accepted the "administrative error" explanation. But London has made it clear that it wanted to review logs related to U.S. operations at Diego Garcia.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said he "shared the disappointment that everybody has" about the use of Diego Garcia for the refueling stops and that it was important to ensure it would not happen again.

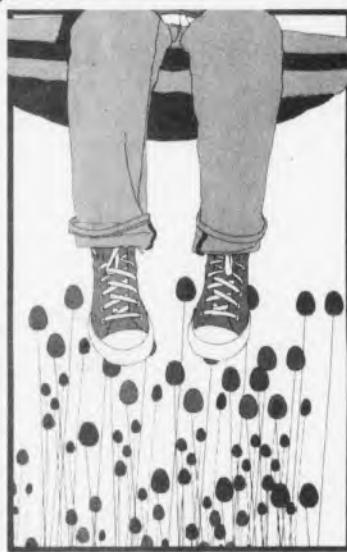
McCormack said he was not aware of any other countries seeking explanations through diplomatic channels. But State Department officials said U.S. diplomats are prepared to answer questions from foreign governments about the situation.

Governments that ask will be told roughly what CIA Director Michael Hayden acknowledged yesterday: that two rendition flights carrying suspected terrorists did refuel at a U.S. naval base on Diego Garcia, despite what the agency had earlier maintained.

Hayden said in a message to CIA staff that the information previously given to the British "turned out to be wrong."

"The refueling, conducted more than five years ago, lasted just a short time," he said. "But it happened. That we found this mistake ourselves, and that we brought it to the attention of the British government, in no way changes or excuses the reality that we were in the wrong."

Hayden said neither man was tortured. He denied there has ever been a holding facility for CIA prisoners on Diego Garcia. Both men remained on their respective planes during the brief stops, according to a U.S. intelligence official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.



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Gish Film Theatre

Sunday at 3 p.m., the film "Germany Year Zero" by Roberto Rossellini will show for free in Hanna Hall. The film is a 1947 view of the immediate aftermath of war, and a film historian from Toledo will provide commentary.



TOLEDO AREA

Swim & Stride for Diabetes

At the University of Toledo's Recreation Center Sunday, come run laps on the track or swim laps in the pool to raise funds to support services for children with diabetes. Registration can be completed individually or as a team.

The Lion King

Broadway's Award-Winning Best Musical The Lion King begins its first performances this weekend at the Stranahan Theater. The show will continue playing until March 30. Call (419) 474-1333 for more information.



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THEY SAID IT

"I thought 'Deep Throat' was a movie about a giraffe."

-Bob Hope

Television screenwriters return to scripted lives after strike

By Tannen Gliatta
Reporter

The dark cloud that stretched from Los Angeles to every living room in America has finally been lifted. After three long months the Writers Guild of America strike officially ended on Feb. 12. At the heart of the conflict was compensation for writers when their work streamed on digital media. With the new contract writers will receive between \$700 and \$1400 when their shows are

available online or on cell phones after 17 days of the original airing.

So that's the technical stuff now lets get to the important stuff. When and for how long will your favorite shows be back? The good news is most shows will be able to produce a handful of new episodes before season's end. The bad news is some shows like NBC's "Heroes" and ABC's "Pushing Daisies" require a long post production time because of special effects. They would be able to produce only one

or two new episodes so instead the networks will wait until fall to re-launch the series. And a word of advice, count your blessings when you download the latest "Gossip Girl" to your iPod or watch "Grey's Anatomy" online, because The Screen Actors Guild contract is up in June and they are threatening to strike over some of the same issues. Below is a cheat sheet of when to expect your favorites back, all dates and episode information is subject to change.

YOUR FAVORITE SHOWS: RETURNING TO A SMALL SCREEN NEAR YOU

Show	Comeback Date	# of Episodes
CSI	April 3	6
Desperate Housewives	Late April	4 to 5
Gossip Girl	Early April	5 to 6
Grey's Anatomy	Late April	4 to 5
The Office	April 10	5 to 6
Smallville	Currently on	8
30 Rock	April 10	5
24	January 2009	24
Private Practice	September	13

Man vs. Wild; Bear Grylls vs. Dysentery



FREDDY HUNT
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Can you even call it surviving? Bear Grylls demonstrates exactly what somebody should not do if they are stranded in the wild. No doctor would ever condone some of the things he eats. I don't care if he did serve in the British Special Air Service, is the youngest person to climb Mt. Everest or a best selling author, some of the stuff eats in the name of survival is just inappropriate.

Bear says he doesn't necessarily have to do some of the shenanigans he does in order to survive, but demonstrates them just incase the viewers are ever caught in such a predicament. But I have seen the life vest under his shirt as he was washed down a river in the Rockies, and I have seen the highway nearby the danger-

ous crevasse he crossed in Hawaii. So why should anybody trust his advice? Jump in this freezing river. I did it - yeah, with a life vest. So why would I squeeze the juice out of this poop, especially after seeing your reaction? I will pass on the giardia.

Can Joe Rogan please just invite the man on Fear Factor? Bear Grylls was the weird kid on the playground who would eat bugs, boogers and mulch; he just never grew out of it. Now he has a show on the Discovery channel to support his disgusting food fetish - not to teach people about surviving in the wild.

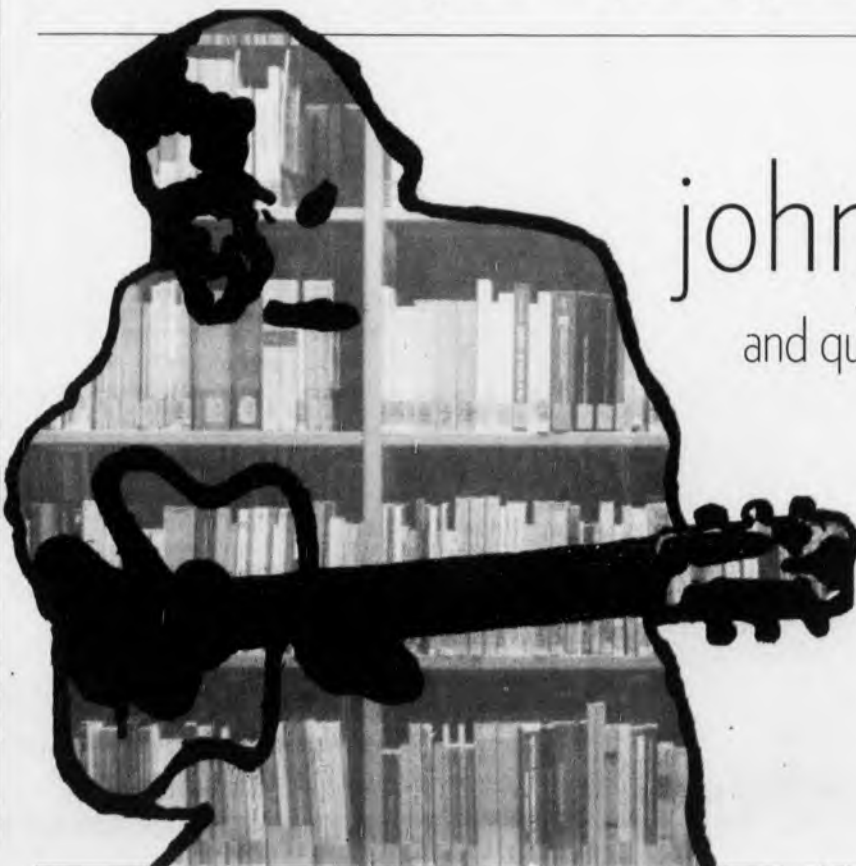
If I had children, I probably wouldn't let them watch Man vs. Wild because I don't want them eating the dog crap in the back yard or the squirrel that was smashed into the street two weeks ago. But I will continue watching the show and toast Bear Grylls with a grimace every time he shovels another absurd ingredient into his face. It's inappropriate, sensational entertainment and I love it.

"These snakes often excrete a foul smelling liquid that makes them horrible to eat. But I'm hungry."
-Bear Grylls



The Top 5 Grossest Things Consumed by Bear Grylls

- 1 Dead sheep's eyeball
- 2 Water from an elephant turd, dead camel
- 3 Rotting zebra carcass
- 4 His own urine
- 5 Live spider, snake, salmon and frog



john jorgenson

and quintet heats up Grounds for Thought

By Laura Lee Caracciolo
Reporter

Most coffee houses limit themselves to espresso and the occasional donut. Some might add chess and CDs to the mix. Grounds For Thought offers all of this and much more.

The popular coffee shop and bookstore, located at 174 S Main St, has been putting on free live shows once a month for the past several years.

Grounds owner Kelly Wicks came up with the idea nearly 18 years ago but it wasn't until recently that he decided to bring free live music to the Bowling Green community on a regular basis.

Past shows have drawn in an average of 150 people, but last Friday the John Jorgenson Quintet played to an audience of over 200, according to Wicks.

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detroit

By Alissa O'Neill
Reporter

Within a short hour and a half drive from Bowling Green lies a city bursting with music, food, art and international attractions. This destination, perfect for a day trip or a weekend adventure, is none other than downtown Detroit, Mich.

Wayne State University's location in Detroit gives many areas of the city, such as Midtown, a college town feel. Located in the center of downtown, Midtown is brimming with coffee shops, museums, galleries and restaurants. Within two blocks, visitors can stop in at five different museums including the Detroit Institute of Art, the Detroit Science Center and the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit.

In addition to the two art museums, art lovers can visit other galleries in Midtown as well. Galleries such as the Detroit Artists Market and the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit regularly host openings, live music and other events that attract a variety of people.

Midtown also has a lot to offer music lovers with its various clubs and theaters. Detroit natives, The White Stripes, started their career at the Magic Stick, the self-proclaimed "home of rock in Detroit." Part of the Majestic Theatre Center on Woodward Avenue, the Magic Stick was named for the ten billiard tables it has in addition to the stage and bar. The popular venue features big name acts such as Mae as well as lesser known artists such as Tapes N' Tapes.

Food-wise, Midtown has every taste imaginable covered, from international cuisine that can be found at The Small World Café in the basement of Wayne State University's International

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Center to sandwiches and pastries served at Avalon International Breads, the organic bakery on West Willis Street.

In addition to local art, music and food, downtown Detroit also offers visitors the chance to experience a little international culture. Corktown and Mexicantown are two areas of downtown Detroit that allow visitors to get a taste of Irish and Mexican cultures without leaving the United States.

One of the main attractions in Corktown is a book shop called John K. King Books. This bookstore is located in a former glove factory on West Lafayette Boulevard and contains more than a million used and rare books.

Corktown lives up to its Irish heritage in the restaurants and music it has to offer. One popular location that combines both Irish food and music is Nancy Whiskey's on Harrison Street, right by the old Detroit Tigers stadium.

In southwest Detroit, Mexicantown thrives with its brightly colored buildings, murals and the sounds of salsa music. Mexicantown is home to numerous shops and restaurants featuring authentic Mexican goods and food. It also offers visitors an original theater experience at the Matrix Theater Company where original plays and puppet shows have been shown since 1991. Cinco de Mayo and Day of the Dead are excellent times to check out Mexicantown with its parades and day-long celebrations.

So whether it's art, music, food or an international experience you're craving, it can all be found a short drive away in downtown Detroit.



ROMANTIC MEMORIES: Actor Ryan Reynolds begins telling the story of the women in his life to his daughter as a bedtime story. As the story progresses, he remembers his past and starts to change his life.

Flick *definitely* captures viewers' hearts

By Aaron Helfferich
Reviewer

Last year's Valentine's Day was all about "Music and Lyrics." It was a typical romantic comedy in which you could foresee every step as it worked its way to a predictable closure. This year, that's definitely not the case. "Definitely, Maybe" is the newest and rarest of the romantic comedy genre simply because it invigorates its audience with quirky and clever storytelling. The only problem is whether or not much of it will be lost in translation.

First and foremost, "Definitely, Maybe" is a genuine story. From the moment the film takes the screen, we are captured by Will Hayes (Ryan Reynolds). As he is met with divorce papers, we meet him while he contemplates his missteps.

To his 11-year-old daughter, Maya (Abigail Breslin), knowing where it went wrong wasn't the important story; it was how it all started. Having been deprived of the true story behind how her parents met, Maya begs her father for the bedtime story she has always wanted. As he attempts to give the "PG" version of the story, Will learns it's not too late to find a happy ending.

Understanding that happy ending might be hard at first. In Will's tactic to conceal the identity of his daughter's mother, he changes the names of the three women who mean the

most in his life. Now we are presented with three great women. Is she the college sweetheart, the longtime friend or the free-spirited journalist. The great thing about "Definitely, Maybe" is that it attentively keeps the viewer involved in all the characters due to the unique blend of honest performances and concealed identities.

"Definitely, Maybe" is a film that is constructed with themes of fairy tales, but is driven by the purpose of finding happiness in the crazy maze we call love. With its lifelike representation of characters and an admirable approach to its story, we see a fresh take on a predictable genre. Most importantly, "Definitely, Maybe" relays its core message by refusing to succumb to the monotony that often occurs in the land of romantic comedies. Maybe this Valentine's day is finally one we can definitely remember.

THE EX-FACTORS

- Three stars out of four | Letter Grade: B
- Rated PG-13 for sexual content, including some frank dialogue, language and smoking.
- Runtime: 112 min.
- Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Abigail Breslin, Isla Fisher, Elizabeth Banks and Rachel Weisz
- Directed by: Adam Brooks



and the award goes to...

Staffers Tannen Gliatta, Joe Cunningham and Aaron Helfferich tell the Pulse their Oscar picks

	Tannen Gliatta	Joe Cunningham	Aaron Helfferich
Best Picture	No Country for Old Men	No Country for Old Men	No Country for Old Men
Best Actor	Daniel Day-Lewis	Daniel Day-Lewis	Daniel Day-Lewis
Best Actress	Julie Christie	Marion Cotillard	Julie Christie
Best Supporting Actor	Javier Bardem	Javier Bardem	Javier Bardem
Best Supporting Actress	Cate Blanchett	Amy Ryan	Cate Blanchett
Best Director	Joel and Ethan Coen	Joel and Ethan Coen	Joel and Ethan Coen

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"It was the biggest crowd we've had to date," Wicks said. "In December we had a crowd of 170, so people seem to be responding really well to what's going on."

The Quintet performed two one-hour sets of lively gypsy jazz to an all-ages crowd which included many regulars.

Wicks rearranged the book cases to accommodate around a hundred seats, but the venue was so packed that many enthusiastic audience members stood in the aisles

and the back of the room.

The mostly instrumental music was fast-paced, animated and created a comfortable atmosphere. The result was a very involved crowd — shouting, cheering and clapping during songs and after.

Between numbers, Jorgenson, who has recorded and toured with artists such as Elton John, Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash, would explain his inspirations and reasons for writing certain songs.

Fans lingered when the show was over to speak to the band and support them by purchasing merchandise.

The energy of the music continued even after the band stopped playing which is a good sign of a successful show.

Each month Wicks hopes to appeal to a variety of audiences by bringing in bands of different musical genres.

The next show at Grounds is on March 19 and features the Chicago-based jazz ensemble, Eddie Shaw and the Wolfgang.

For more information on upcoming shows check out the Grounds For Thought Web site at www.groundsforthought.com.

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SIDELINES



FOOTBALL

Running back Lewis resigns with Browns

Free agent running back Jamal Lewis agreed to a new multi-year contract with the Cleveland Browns yesterday. Lewis rushed for over 1,300 yards for Cleveland last season.

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HOCKEY

BG to face off with Ferris State tonight

The BG hockey team is tied for sixth place in the CCHA with Ferris State. Tonight, both teams will play the first of two weekend games at the BG Ice Arena. The game is scheduled to start at 7:05 p.m.

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ONLINE

The BG News Sports Blog

Be sure to log on to The BG News Sports Blog this weekend for baseball updates and a brand new hockey video. The blog is also good for live updates during most hockey and men's and women's basketball games this season.

<http://www.bgnewssports.blogspot.com>

SCHEDULE

TODAY

Hockey:

vs. Ferris State; 7:05 p.m.

Swimming:

at MAC Championships; 11 a.m.

Baseball:

at Western Kentucky; 3 p.m.

Softball:

at Chattanooga Classic; noon

TOMORROW

Men's basketball:

at Detroit; 4:05 p.m.

Women's basketball:

at Miami; 2 p.m.

Hockey:

vs. Ferris State; 7:05 p.m.

Swimming:

at MAC Championships; 11 a.m.

Tennis:

at Cincinnati; 5 p.m.

Track:

Sid Sink Open; TBD

Baseball:

at Western Kentucky; 2 p.m.

Softball:

at Chattanooga Classic; noon

SUNDAY

Gymnastics:

at Western Michigan; 1 p.m.

Tennis:

at Xavier; 1 p.m.

Baseball:

at Western Kentucky; 1 p.m.

Softball:

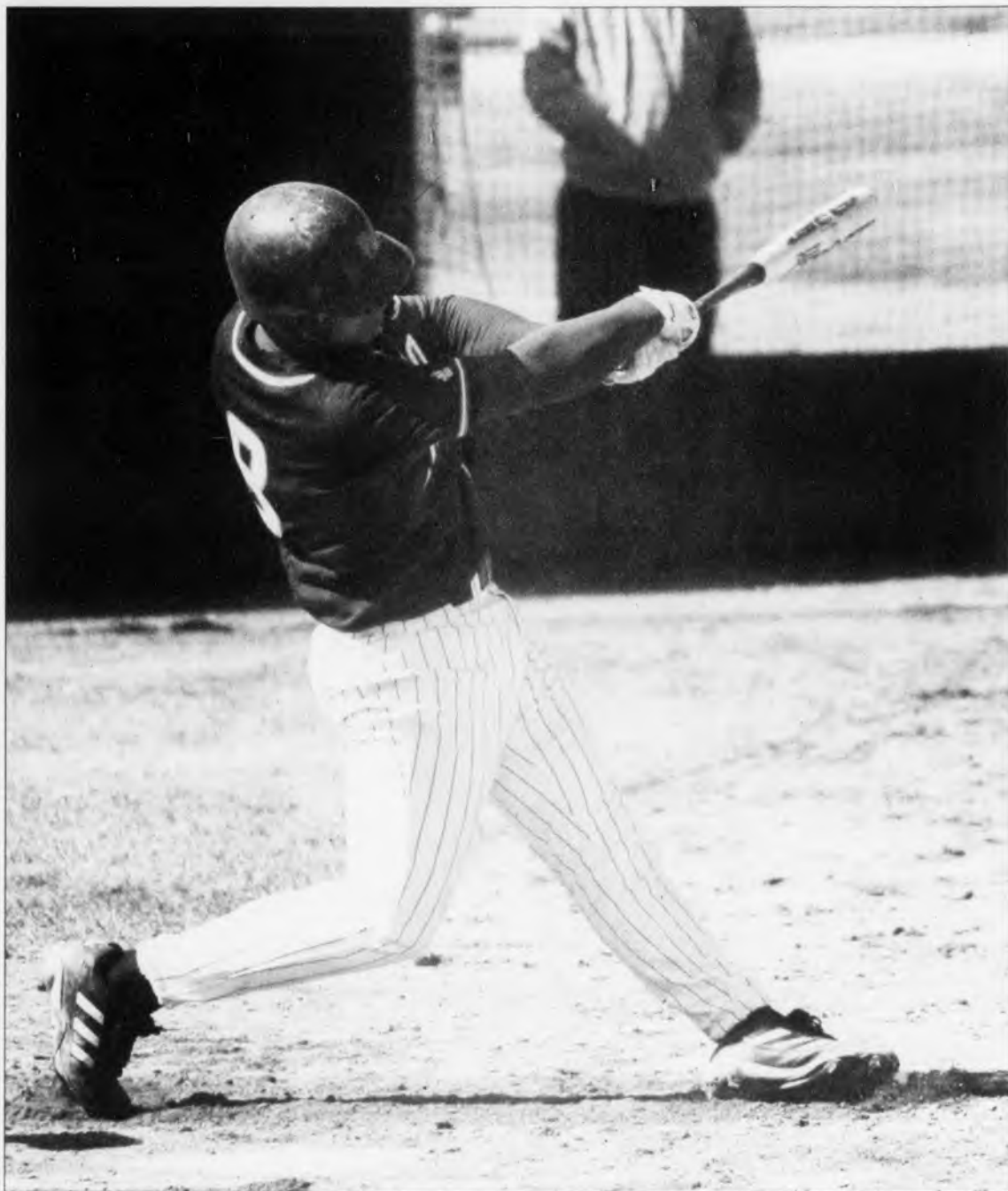
at Chattanooga Classic; noon

OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1892—Manitoba rugby football union forms.

1888—John Reid of Scotland demonstrates golf to Americans.



BACK IN ACTION: Team captain Travis Owens (above) and the BG baseball team will play their season opening game this afternoon.

BG NEWS FILE PHOTO

BG baseball's back

MAC picks Falcons to finish sixth in the East this season

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

For a few Falcon athletic teams this season, being picked to finish near the bottom of a conference has actually been somewhat of a blessing.

Last July, the football team was slated to take fifth out of seven in the Eastern Division of the Mid-American Conference. They

then finished at 8-4 in the 2007 regular season and were selected for their first bowl game in over three years.

The men's hockey team has faced an uphill battle all season after being tabbed for the basement spot in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association this winter. Instead, they have put together one of the more successful seasons in recent memory

and are currently in position for home-ice advantage when the playoffs begin.

Thus, when MAC officials picked the Falcon baseball squad to finish sixth in the East Division this spring, they just may have done BG a favor.

"I would certainly hope the guys would use it as a motivation tactic this season. That's not where you want to be picked at,

but after last season's finish, that's probably where we deserve to be," said BG coach Danny Schmitz, citing the team's woes last season in which they finished 22-32 overall and won just seven of 27 MAC games.

Schmitz enters his 18th season in the Falcon dugout with over

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Women's basketball to visit Miami for tough MAC tilt

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

Tomorrow, the BG women's basketball team will travel to Oxford to face Miami in what very well could be its biggest test of the Mid-American Conference season.

The matchup is about as even as it gets. Both teams are 9-3 in MAC play, so the winner will officially take over first place in the entire conference.

As far as wins and losses go, BG (20-6) and Miami (17-9) are only separated by three overall victories.

The last time the two teams got together was at Anderson Arena on January 22nd, with Miami stealing a road win, 63-60. That loss started BG's three-game losing streak.

No matter the previous setbacks, the Falcons will have some serious momentum going into tomorrow's game. After beating Kent State 76-68 on Wednesday night, the Falcons have won five games in a row. In the Kent game, five players scored in double figures.

Miami has built up some momentum of their own, and are on a six-game winning streak. Their most recent victory came Wednesday over Buffalo on the road.



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REMEMBER?: The last time BG and Miami squared off, Miami won 63-60.

For the Red Hawks, senior guard Amanda Jackson has been a real weapon offensively. Her 22.6 points per game is tops in the conference. As a team, Miami averages 70.9 points per game — just over a point less than BG.

Tip off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Men's hoops to square off with Detroit

By Bill Bordewick
Assistant Sports Editor

Time to start busting those brackets for Mid-major teams all over the country as this weekend will be a showcase for lesser known teams to showcase their abilities.

The headline match-ups include Drake taking on Butler and Kent State traveling out to California to take on St. Mary's in battle of MAC No.1 vs. WCC No.1.

The Falcons will also participate in the Bracket Buster event by traveling up 1-75 to take on the Titans of Detroit-Mercy.

The Horizon League member shares some of the same characteristics that many teams in the MAC feature — a competitive home team and below-average road team.

The Titans have seven victories this season and six of them came in front of the home fans.

Detroit is 1-10 on the road this season and the good news for them (and bad news for the Falcons) is that the game will be played in front of the Titan faithful.

The Falcons come into the game losers of three straight conference games while the



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BUSTING OUT: BG forward Nate Miller attempts to drive past a Central Michigan defender. The BG men's basketball team will play Detroit tomorrow in a Bracket Buster game.

Titans have won two out of the last three games.

An out-of-conference game may be a breath of fresh air for the Falcons.

If BG wants to win, they will have to corral Titan guard Jon Goode and his 19.3 scoring average per game.

The Titans also played four MAC teams this season — beating Kent State and Eastern Michigan while losing to both Central Michigan and Western Michigan.

The Falcons did not record a victory against any of those four teams.

18

returning letter winners

27

freshmen

captains



Travis Owens



Nick Cantrell

20

2007 MAC losses

5.13

2007 team ERA

.282

2007 team batting average

BASEBALL

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450 career wins and two MAC tournament titles, with the most recent title coming back in 2002. Since that year, however, BG has seen three losing seasons tarnish the program's not-so-long-ago luster.

"I think in the past couple of years, the guys have been living on the tradition of the program," Schmitz said. "Well, now it's up to these guys to live up to that tradition and get the winning ways going again."

Looking to do so will be an extremely young team that features only three seniors and loses six of last season's positional and pitching starters, though the latter might not be such a bad thing.

PITCHING

The biggest question mark on this team, and there are many, is that of the pitching staff. The three top returning pitchers, Marty Baird, Nick Cantrell, and Dusty Hawk, featured a combined 6.00 ERA last spring.

Helping to turn that and other poor mound numbers around will be the addition of first-year pitching coach Rick Blanc, a 1998 BG graduate, who joined the team this past fall.

"He's a guy who can help develop a pitching staff, and that's something that's going to be needed this year," Schmitz said. "We need to round out that pitching staff right away and when we get back from Bradenton [the team's spring break trip from Mar. 1 to Mar. 8], we want to be settling in on a starting rotation with closers in place."

Cantrell, one of only two senior pitchers this year, noted the team's new stress on a walk to strikeout ratio of 3:1 under Blanc. "Last year we walked over 400 as a freshman. The lone positional senior, Andrew Foster, is a Bowling Green native who smashed four home runs and led the team in RBI's and doubles last year."

HITTING

At the plate, the Falcons return seven hitters who hit at least .275 last season, including Derek Spencer who finished over .400 as a freshman. The lone positional senior, Andrew Foster, is a Bowling Green native who smashed four home runs and led the team in RBI's and doubles last year.

Rounding out a lineup that will need to show more consistency at the plate are juniors Marty



BG NEWS FILE PHOTO

BRINGING HEAT: BG hurler Dusty Hawk delivers a pitch during a game last season.

"I think the past couple of years, the guys have been living on the tradition of the program. Well, now it's up to these guys to live up to that tradition and get the winning ways going again."

Danny Schmitz | BG baseball coach

Baird (.298 with seven triples), Brian Hangbers (.296 with seven homers), Brandon McFarland (.348 with seven doubles) and Ryan Shay (51 hits and led the team in at-bats).

"We're making improvements every day," said captain Travis Owens who would like to improve on his .238 sophomore average. Owens noted that he "feels more comfortable being a leader" in the co-captain spot and that this could translate into improvement in other areas of his game.

Owens is also helping to bring along freshman Ryan Schlatter in the catcher position for the future and stated that the young team is "anxious" for the season to start, but also "looking forward to it."

NEWCOMERS

Coach Schmitz and the Falcons welcomed seven freshmen this season, five of whom could be ready to see action on the mound.

Two transfers from Longwood University, sophomore infielder Frank Berry and junior pitcher Kevin Light, also could see some major playing time. Berry and Light left their previous college baseball careers in Virginia because the school was an independent and the players, according to Schmitz, "wanted to have the opportunity to play for something."

Schmitz spoke extremely

positively of both the seven freshmen and the two former Longwood players.

"They live, breathe, and die the game," Schmitz said. He went on to mention Clay Duncan, Brennan Smith, Charles Wooten and Patrick Martin in particular as the new generation of Falcons who are already showing exceptional work habits during practices at Perry Field House.

Though the team has not been able to practice outside yet this year due to inclement winter weather, everyone on the team seems to have positive feelings about this weekend's series in Bowling Green, KY against the Hilltoppers.

Captains Cantrell and Owens both expected the team to win at least two out of three from Western Kentucky, and mentioned how well the team chemistry is coming together already.

"We're gelling," Owens said simply. "You always see three or four of us together, whether it be just going out to eat or supporting our Falcon athletics, and it's never the same three or four guys either," said Cantrell, who will start the first game of the season Friday at 3 p.m.

"It's something that we have preached since the fall, that you can have all the talent in the world, but if you don't have chemistry, you have nothing," said Schmitz. "Even with less talent you can do some amazing things. You can really overachieve."

Browns reach agreement with Lewis

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Running back Jamal Lewis has reached agreement with the Cleveland Browns on a multiyear contract, The Associated Press has learned.

Lewis was scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent next week. But the Browns, who went 10-6 and barely missed the playoffs last season, didn't want to risk losing him after he rushed for more than 1,300 yards.

The club will officially sign Lewis once the contract's language is finalized by his agents, a person familiar with the negotiations said yesterday on the condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet completed.

The Browns are believed to have relented and added a third year to an initial two-year offer they made for the 28-year-old.

Financial terms were not immediately known.

Lewis, who will be 29 in August, proved he still could be an effective everydown back in 2007. After signing a one-year, incentive-laden free agent deal with Cleveland in March, he gained 1,304 yards and scored nine touchdowns. Only Hall of



AL BEHRMAN | AP PHOTO

GAINS: Jamal Lewis rushed for over 1,300 yards last season for the Browns.

Famer Jim Brown has run for more yards in a season for the Browns.

Lewis came to Cleveland after seven years in Baltimore. At the time he signed, there were questions about Lewis' durability and speed, but he answered them all with his best season since leading the NFL with 2,066 yards in '03.

In doing so, Lewis validated general manager Phil Savage's belief the former first-round draft pick still could be a productive player. The two worked together for five years in Baltimore.

Behind Cleveland's revamped offensive line, Lewis ran with the same brutal tenacity that helped him gain 7,801 yards with the Ravens. He underwent surgery to remove bone spurs in his ankle in the offseason, which seemed to give Lewis back some lost quickness.

Following the comeback season, Lewis said he liked Cleveland and wanted to remain with the Browns, who won a club record seven home games and were kept out of the AFC playoffs only by a tiebreaker.

In addition to performing beyond expectations, Lewis counseled younger players, who were impressed by his tireless work ethic.

"Jamal has matured quite a bit since he's come into the league," Savage said following the season. "He's been an excellent leader quietly behind the scenes. He's a real pro and takes care of himself."

Lewis was just the Browns' second 1,000-yard rusher since 1985.

Gymnasts heading to Western Michigan

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

Following their best scoring week of the season, BG's gymnasts head to Kalamazoo, Mich. to face off against the Western Michigan Broncos.

On paper the Falcons come in as a heavy favorite boasting an undefeated MAC record while Western sits near the bottom with an overall record of 2-8. However, both teams come off one of their best weeks of the season setting up one of the MAC's marquee matchups this week.

Last weekend the Falcons posted their highest score in three years, 193.350, on the strength of the whole team hitting routines and the recovery of uneven bars and the balance beam.

Western could have come away with the victory last weekend had they faced off against any other team except Eastern Michigan who took the meet by a slim margin of 130.075-130.00. The score was the Broncos top score of this season.

"Within the MAC their [Western Michigan] skill level will prob-



CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

ROLLING: The BG gymnastics team is currently undefeated in MAC play.

ably be similar. They've had one high scoring weekend, so we can't count that out," head coach Kerrie Beach said.

The Broncos also boast one of

the MAC's top gymnasts in senior Heather Carroll who was named the MAC specialist of the week. Against Eastern Michigan Carroll won both the uneven bars and the balance beam with scores of 9.850 and 9.750.

Supporting Carroll, Western boasts a strong line up in both bars and beam, ironically the two specializations the Falcons have struggled in this season.

In order for the Falcons to keep their three-week winning streak and perfect MAC record intact they're going to need a similar performance to last week. BG will probably have the help of a couple gymnasts overcoming injuries especially Michelle Luchini, who coach Beach plans to put back in the bar lineup.

However, for Beach, no matter who competes, the main point will once again be the fast tempo of the performance.

"We talked about that earlier in the week, because we felt like the effort from the team was so strong and they came out with a new attitude, we have to keep that up this week," Beach said.

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Cavs, Bulls, Sonics complete major trade

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James finally got some help to win an NBA title.

In a complex, 11-player trade involving Cleveland, Chicago

and Seattle, the Cavaliers acquired center Ben Wallace from the Bulls and forward Wally Szczerbiak from the SuperSonics, two players to possibly get James and the Cavs through the Eastern Conference and back to the finals.

Cleveland general manager Danny Ferry, unable to finalize major deals in the past, pulled off a colossal one as the clock ticked down in the final hours before yesterday's 3 p.m. deadline.

The Cavaliers sent guard Larry Hughes, forwards Drew Gooden and Cedric Simmons, and guard Shannon Brown to Chicago for Wallace, one of the game's top inside enforcers, and forward

Joe Smith.

Cleveland acquired the sharpshooting Szczerbiak and guard Delonte West from Seattle for forwards Ira Newble and Donyell Marshall.

The Cavaliers will also get Chicago's second-round pick in 2009. The SuperSonics will receive guard Adrian Griffin from the Bulls.

The deal caps a busy month of trades around the NBA as several stars, including Shaquille O'Neal, Jason Kidd, Shawn Marion and Pau Gasol, all were dealt to new teams. The Gasol swap triggered an arms race of sorts among the Western Conference's top squads, while this one could have a big impact at the top of the East.



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Hockey to host Ferris State tonight

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

Each time the Falcons have played Ferris State this season, the pairs of games have come at extremely crucial times.

Back in November, BG swept the Bulldogs in Big Rapids for what ended up being the second of three sweeps that built the foundation for the solid season the Falcons have put together.

Now, the two teams sit locked in a sixth-place tie in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association standings coming into this weekend's series at the BGSU Ice Arena.

It's as if the CCHA schedule makers had a crystal ball last summer when they were listing games down the stretch.

"It's actually pretty good timing since it's such a big weekend for both teams," said Ferris goaltender Mitch O'Keefe. "There are a lot of points up for grabs for home ice and things like that, plus there's a lot of teams right behind both of us so it's important for everyone."

Northern Michigan, which holds the final home-ice playoff spot, hosts Nebraska-Omaha this weekend. UNO, who just split with the Falcons, currently sits two points up of both BG and Ferris.

Only adding to the intensity and hype of this weekend's sixth-place match up is Ferris' newly acquired national ranking.

Several polls listed the Bulldogs at number 19 on Monday, perhaps resulting from their unbeaten record of 3-0-2 over the last three weeks against Lake Superior, Notre Dame, and Miami.

Players on each side were a little surprised by the national attention Ferris is receiving towards the end of the season, but could end up using it to their advantage.

"What are they ranked?" asked an unaware Jimmy Spratt on Tuesday. Upon hearing the answer he nodded and said, "Yeah, they're going to come hard since they're really confident and hot right now. They're going to want to prove something since we swept



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DEADLOCKED: BG and Ferris State are currently tied for sixth place in the CCHA.

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Mitch O'Keefe | Ferris State goalie

them earlier in the year on the ice."

That added incentive of Ferris', along with their new ranking, is something BG coach Scott Paluch and his team are keeping an eye on this week.

"Those were two really hard-fought wins for us [in November]," Paluch said. "We know what kind of team they are and what they've done now isn't that surprising based on what we saw then. It's been a great five-game stretch for them, but we don't need that as a motivating factor."

BG's main drive now is to continue moving as far up as possible in the playoff seeding heading into the final weekend.

Meanwhile, Ferris State's inspiration comes from those two digits at the beginning of their name.

"Everyone's emotions are up and pretty confident after big weekends like that," said O'Keefe who is 2-0-2 for the

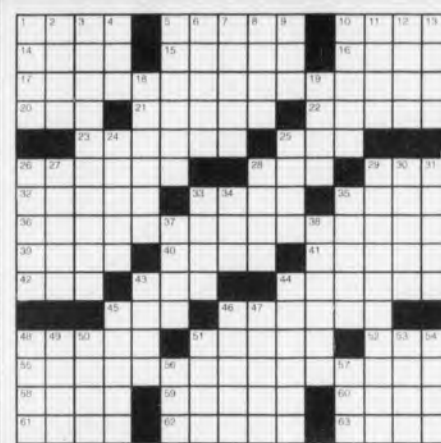
Bulldogs with a .911 save percentage in his last four appearances. "The ranking means a lot right now, especially going into playoffs because everybody is going to have incentive to work harder and keep the emotions going right through hopefully."

The road to the playoffs for both teams continues tonight and tomorrow at 7:05 p.m. at the BGSU Ice Arena.

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10 Late
11 Toward shelter
12 Actress Kudrow
13 Highland miss
18 Given new life
19 Feel sorry for
24 City on the Allegheny
25 Read quickly
26 Furnigate
27 "Two Women" star
28 Wild goat
29 Of wordless expression
30 Arab leader: var.
31 Fuses metal
33 Spilled the beans
34 Put into service
35 Hues

- 37 Dist. across
38 Follower of Lao-tzu
43 Song for the choir
44 Marine mollusk
45 Elegant beauty
46 Bulrushes
47 Superman portrayer
48 Ball of yarn
49 Pueblo people
50 Buyer's caution
51 Anglo-Saxon tax
53 Bulgarian moola
54 Future atty.'s exam
56 Go right!
57 Dog tags, e.g.

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5 Dominant male
10 Statuesque
14 Jack Horner's fruit
15 New Delhi wraps
16 Inter (among others)
17 Springsteen's paper?
20 Fierce mythical bird
21 Upper crust
22 Concepts
23 Hardy
25 Pig's abode
26 Zermatt zigzag
28 Haughtily aloof
29 Sunday seat
32 Lawn-care need
33 Big, band instrument
35 Domesticated
36 Magic paper?
39 Sharp
40 Holm oak
41 Started a pot

- 42 Terminate
43 Possessed
44 Part of GMC
45 Exercise location
46 Accepted fact
48 Captivate
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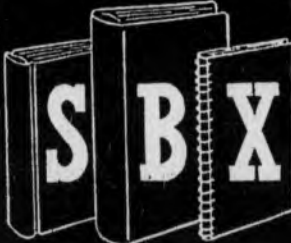


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